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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents are (4) to (6) are enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,495,098
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0109264
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0125637
- (4) JP 7-110876
- (5) EP 0 297 209
- (6) GB 2 288 048

Documents (5) and (6) were cited during prosecution of an International patent application corresponding to the above U.S. Application. Copies of the International Search Report, International Preliminary Report On Patentability and Written Opinion are enclosed.


An English-language abstract accompanies document (4). It is also noted that document (1) is an English-language counterpart for document (4). In addition, document (4) is discussed in the specification of the subject application and may be deemed relevant for the reasons given therein. The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language document (4) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstract, the English-language counterpart and the discussion in the specification. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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